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Letter dated 17 June 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 11 June 2015 (see annex), from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 8 May 2015 (S/AC.51/2015/1).

(*Signed*) Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 17 June 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 53rd meeting, on 6 February 2015, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the first report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in South Sudan (S/2014/884), covering the period from 1 March 2011 to 30 September 2014. At its 54th meeting, on 8 May 2015, the Working Group adopted its Conclusions on children and armed conflict in South Sudan (S/AC.51/2015/1).

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012) and 2143 (2014), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in South Sudan, and other relevant United Nations agencies, continue their efforts to support, within their respective mandates, the Government of South Sudan in addressing violations and abuses committed against children in armed conflict in violation of applicable international law, and to ensure that the matter of children and armed conflict in South Sudan is included as a specific aspect in all South Sudan country-specific reports;

(b) Also request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in South Sudan continues its engagement with the Government of South Sudan to implement the recommitment agreement to the revised action plan to end and prevent all violations committed against children and to continue advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and armed groups, including in the context of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement;

(c) Request you to call upon the country task force on monitoring and reporting in South Sudan to continue its engagement with the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in Opposition, in line with resolution 1612 (2005), to facilitate the full implementation of the Commitment Agreement to End Grave Violations against Children, signed by the Chairman of the SPLA in Opposition, Riek Machar, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on 10 May 2014, and the development of an action plan for SPLA in Opposition;

(d) Request you to continue to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in South Sudan and of the child protection component of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.

(*Signed*) Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim**
Chair
Security Council Working Group
on Children and Armed Conflict